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Control of Web Pages)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2001, and the restriction requirement made therein, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group II, claims 3-6, 10 and 13-15, drawn to linking between HTML files, for continued examination herein.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that 35 USC § 121 authorizes restriction only when the claimed invention is "independent and distinct" (emphasis added). A search of the subject matter of Group II, claims 3-6, 10 and 13-15, would necessarily require a search of the subject matter of Group I, claims 1, 2 and 9 drawn to defining exit and entry point in an HTML file and Group III, claims 7-8 and 11-12, drawn to determining the validity of a URL. Thus the method delineated in Group II is not directed to an independent and distinct matter.

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Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the requirement for restriction.

Respectfully submitted,

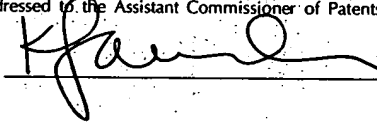


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